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Brewery tower a go

\$30M development
to include condos,
Keith Hall restoration

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

Council OK'd the 21-storey Brewery Market tower following last night's public hearing, much to the dismay of future neighbours and heritage advocates.

Councillors voted 17-3 to amend the municipal planning strategy to allow the \$30-million Halkirk Properties development, which includes a mixed use tower, restoration of Keith Hall and construction of luxury condos in Halkirk House.

Bill Campbell of Halkirk said the project, which has been six years in the making, involved a lot of hard work, especially with city staff.

"Hopefully we can get through the rest of the process and get on with it," Campbell said.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane, Eastern Passage Coun. Jackie Barkhouse and Lower Sackville Coun. Bob Harvey voted against it.

Sloane said she's not against progress, but she has to represent

the young people who said the development would affect their quality of life.

"I am very torn on this, but I have to go with what my heart says," she said.

"My heart says if we had HRM by Design in place we probably wouldn't have to go through this crap every time we talk about the downtown."

Purcells Cove Coun. Linda Mosher said if you can't put a tall building downtown, where can you put it?

"Halifax needs to attract and retain our young professionals," Mosher said.

Heritage Trust president Philip Pacey said that while he's greatly

disappointed in the decision, he's pleased that so many spoke out in favour of preserving heritage streetscapes in the brewery district.

"It's not fair to allow somebody to go to 21 storeys to overwhelm these buildings, to put them into shadow," Pacey said.

He called the amendment "ad hoc," adding that all residents of Halifax and Dartmouth should be worried that other developers will apply and receive similar exceptions from council to build tall buildings near their homes.

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« *It's not fair to allow somebody to go to 21 storeys to overwhelm these buildings, to put them into shadow.* »

Philip Pacey,
Heritage Trust president



An artist's rendering of what the proposed Brewery Market development would look like from Lower Water Street.

Rural firefighters refusing to work

Safety dispute centres
on numbers needed to
enter burning building

By JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Halifax

Firefighters at 10 rural fire stations refused to work yesterday.

It's all in protest relating to a recent decision by Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety, which says at least four firefighters must be present before they enter a burning building.

expect delays

» Until the safety dispute is resolved, if a building goes up in flames, there will likely be a delay in response as volunteers are called in to replace the full-time firefighters.

But the union and Fire Services have a different opinion on what constitutes four firefighters.

"The career (firefighters) see it as they want four people on the fire truck ready to respond to a structure fire," said Mike LeRue,

divisional chief. "We're saying when the alarm goes off to a structure fire or any fire, multiple stations respond so there will be four people there."

Until the dispute is worked out — both sides are meeting with the Department of Labour this morning — 20 full-time firefighters are refusing to work because they consider it unsafe.

LeRue said he knows there will be a concern and said the volunteers were told last night what was going on.

Coun. David Hendsbee asked for

a staff report at council yesterday to clarify what the HRM can do in response to the four-firefighter rule. He also wants to know if this will cause a fiscal strain on the municipality in order to comply.

LeRue said he expects there may be inspectors from the Department of Labour out to interview off-work firefighters today, but nothing will happen to them.

"They have a right to refuse to work," LeRue said. "If the Department of Labour deems it safe for them to work, they will be ordered back to work."

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Karissa Boudreau's paternal grandparents, Wayne and Suzanne Grear and her father Paul Boudreau make their way out of Bridgewater provincial court yesterday after Penny Boudreau, accused of killing 12-year-old Karissa, did not show up for her second scheduled court appearance.

Boudreau a no-show for second court date

Lawyer offers no explanation for woman's absence

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Penny Boudreau was a no-show for her second scheduled court appearance yesterday in Bridgewater, even after the Crown prosecutor specifically requested her presence.

Paul Scovil said that "given the nature of the charge" he wants the public to remember she's innocent until proven guilty.

"Particularly these things that are of high public profile," Scovil told reporters outside the Bridgewater courthouse.

He wouldn't elaborate further.

Boudreau, 33, is accused of killing her 12-year-old daughter Karissa Boudreau.

She was charged with first-degree murder in the girl's death on June 13 and made her first court appearance June 16.

The court granted the woman's defence lawyer, Pat

Atherton, a request to appear on his client's behalf yesterday, but the Halifax lawyer would not answer any questions from the media as to why Boudreau did not appear.

In fact, he refused to answer any questions at all.

The Crown provided Atherton with evidence from the original missing persons file in Karissa's case.



Penny Boudreau's defence lawyer Pat Atherton is followed by media as he leaves the Bridgewater provincial courthouse yesterday.

Scovil said there was a "sizeable amount" of evidence related to the initial investigation.

"We've already delivered one banker's box full," he said.

Atherton was seen hurrying to his car carrying a banker's box after yesterday's court appearance, as reporters and camera crews followed him into the parking lot.

The Bridgewater courtroom was about 80 per cent full with community mem-

bers. Boudreau's family members sat together at the front.

Earlier in the day, Karissa's paternal grandmother Suzanne Grear said in a phone interview that she and the girl's grandfather have decided not to make any statements for the time being.

"I'm not going to say anything until it's all over; then I'll know what happened," she said. "It's no good speculating or anything."

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Chebucto Rd. group continues protests

Residents vow to make widening an election issue

By **LINDSAY JONES**
Metro Halifax

Chebucto Road residents may have lost the fight against the city's road widening project, but they're not content to remain idle.

About 30 people marched outside city hall last night chanting, waving "People, not Cars" signs and wearing yellow Chebucto Road Neighbourhood Association t-shirts.

"If they can do it and spend \$2 million of tax dollars ... what are they going to do for the next neighbourhoods? That's what we're here for," said Chebucto Road resident and association member Carolyn King, who allowed the city to buy a portion of her yard.

And her group is determined to make road widening an issue during this fall's municipal election.

"We will be actively campaigning for councillors and making people aware of

« If they can do it and spend \$2 million of tax dollars ... what are they going to do for the next neighbourhoods? That's what we're here for. »

Chebucto Road resident

Carolyn King

who has an agenda for the environment and for logical sustainable transportation, which obviously the majority of councillors don't seem to care about," King said.

Council voted last week to proceed with the \$2.08-million tender on the widening project of Chebucto at Mumford roads, after it was defeated by a tie-breaker the week before.

The project was previously approved 15-9.

Laena Garrison of the Ecology Action Centre said council's decision to spend \$2 million on the project isn't wise, especially considering the public opposition, skyrocketing gas prices and provincial commitment to reduce greenhouse gases.

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» news In Brief

» **ROBBERY** Halifax regional police are on the lookout for a man in his 30s who robbed a Lacewood Drive convenience store late Monday night.

The man entered the Needs around 11:30 p.m., said he had a weapon and demanded items from the store. The clerk handed them over and the man took off. Police are still investigating.

» **ARREST** Some cops are never off-duty. On Monday afternoon, one such hard worker spotted a Dodge Magnum on Kearney Lake road and realized it had been reported stolen recently. The officer called in some on-duty colleagues, who charged a man and woman, both aged 37, with possession of a stolen vehicle.

Police also discovered a number of tools in the truck that had been stolen from Sackville and Dartmouth Crossing in recent weeks.

» **CONSTRUCTION** If you regularly drive in the Jubilee Road area of Halifax, you might want to start testing different routes. On Monday, July 7, the city will begin replacing some of the road, the curb, gutter and sidewalk on the road. The work will last until Aug. 3, and will mean lane closures.

» **BEACHES** Dartmouthians looking for a place to swim should avoid Penhorn Beach. The popular was closed yesterday because of elevated E. coli bacteria counts.

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The Duchess of York, right, is coming to Halifax. Sarah Ferguson will be in town Tues. Sept. 16 as part of the Influential Leaders speakers' series at Mount Saint Vincent University. In addition to being the former wife of Prince Andrew, the Duchess is a children's author and humanitarian, who started her own lifestyle and media company in 2006. METRO HALIFAX



Power hike protest launched

NDP start petition against requested 13.6% rise in rate

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

John "Goldie" Lively has been a Tory supporter all of his 63 years and his family have voted Conservative since the Diefenbaker days. He was even president of their Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville Riding Association.

So it was a bit of a coup for NDP leader Darrel Dexter yesterday when Lively joined him in signing the NDP's petition against "unfair power rate increases."

Yesterday Lively, Dexter and NDP candidate Mat Whynott officially launched the petition against Nova Scotia



John "Goldie" Lively, right, signs an NDP petition against raising fuel costs with Provincial NDP Leader Darrel Dexter, centre, and NDP candidate for Hammonds Plains-Upper-Sackville Mat Whynott.

tia Power's request for a 13.6 per cent rate hike. It's already been signed by more than 1,200 people.

"A lot of people are not well off, they're just existing," said Lively, at his home in Sackville. "People with four kids, I don't

know how they do it."

Dexter and Lively were critical of Premier Rodney MacDonald's 8 per cent tax

increase on home energy. Lively said he thought long and hard about leaving the Conservatives but made the move after the last election because, he says, they lost touch with their base.

"Some things were promised that never happened," he said.

Dexter and the NDP have been hammering MacDonald over the home energy tax issue. He accused MacDonald of going back on an election promise and raising the tax rate while knowing power rates would go up.

"The provincial government can't control global energy prices. But it can definitely make better decisions about how to help people deal with them," said Dexter.

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health

Respite care times doubled

SUPPORT Nova Scotians caring for sick family members will see further support from the province.

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont announced yesterday that respite time allotted to family caregivers has been increased from 28 days to 60 days per year.

He said in a news release that by increasing the amount of respite care "we are fulfilling our promise to better support caregivers".

The maximum continuous stay time in a respite care bed is 30 days and beds will not be provided for more than 30 days between Jul. 1 and Oct. 1, the peak demand period.

high levels

Radon in one-sixth of public buildings

TESTS Over 100 public buildings in Nova Scotia have been found to have radon levels that exceed national safety standards.

Out of the 600 buildings tested across the province, one-in-six had concentrations greater than the federally recommend 200 Becquerels per cubic meter.

The province plans to retest the places which tested positive and then fix the sources of the naturally occurring radioactive gas.

Odourless and colourless, radon is the leading cause of cancer in non-smokers. It usually seeps into buildings through cracks and openings in foundations. METRO HALIFAX

Council rejects 2-day meetings

By JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Halifax

Well, the two-day council meeting idea is out the window.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane tried to break the few marathon council meetings left before the summer break into two days each.

"We do have a lot of things on our plate," she said at a council meeting yesterday.

"I think us staying here from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. at night creates a lot of strain and stress, not only for those individuals that are sitting

around the table, but the staff who also have to be here."

Dartmouth Coun. Gloria McCluskey said if more councillors showed up, they could

get a lot more done on Tuesdays. She said they had to cancel a morning meeting yesterday for lack of quorum.

Cole Harbour Coun. Harry McInroy, who was one of the absentees yesterday morning, said he was busy on council-appointed business.

"We're not home playing darts or lounging around in the hammock, we're just not showing up for the meeting."

He said it's unfair to give councillors a couple days notice of a morning meeting on Tuesdays and expect them to show up.

When the conversation returned to the motion of splitting up lengthy meetings, it was soundly defeated.

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« We're not home playing darts or lounging around in the hammock, we're just not showing up for the meeting. »
Cole Harbour Coun. Harry McInroy

New weapons for guards late in year

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

Prison guards will get to use pepper spray and batons when transporting prisoners, but they won't come until late fall.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke announced a timeline yesterday, on the deadline of a compliance order to give guards new weapons.

First training courses are being designed and taught, so pepper spray won't be used until October 30, while batons won't come into use until De-

cember 29.

Union leaders and opposition criticized the delay, saying the government is stalling. They questioned the need for training when guards are already trained to use pepper spray inside facilities, and some are trained to use batons.

"We're curious as to what additional training is required if they're already trained to use them in a facility... and why would it take until October and November to get this training done?" said Liberal Justice Critic Michel Samson.



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Atlantic Gateway

Dal partners with ACOA, province

INITIATIVE Dalhousie is launching an Atlantic Gateway initiative through its new Centre for International Trade and Transportation.

The initiative is a two-year partnership between the centre, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the province. The aim is to encourage the academic community to help develop the Atlantic Gateway strategy. The province has invested \$50,000 and ACOA \$115,000 in the project. **METRO HALIFAX**

Tourism chair 'hopeful'

Too soon to tell if numbers will rise

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

It might be a little premature to start jumping for joy about tourists flocking to Nova Scotia, says the chair of the tourism association.

"It's a good sign, but is it going to fill in or not? It's hard to say," said Danny Morton, the chair of the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia.

«It's a good sign, but is it going to fill in or not? It's hard to say.»

Danny Morton, tourism chair

He said he's hearing murmurs of relief from the association's members, which include hotel, guest house and restaurant owners.

Most of them are finding that although fuel prices and the cost of living are skyrocketing, the number of visitors they're seeing so far this summer is "comfort-

able."

"They're not feeling that they're down at this point from last year," he said.

Several B&B owners in Halifax told Metro earlier in the week that business is booming and their rooms are packed. One owner even said her numbers are up by about 40 per cent over last year.

Morton said he's happy to hear numbers aren't down, but he'll be surprised to see any growth in the number of tourists to the province

over the summer.

Morton's also the general manager of White Point Beach Resort in southwestern Nova Scotia and said his area is dealing with its own set of difficulties with concerns about the future of the Digby-Saint John ferry service.

But for the most part, what he's hearing and seeing at his own resort is "so far so good," he said.

"We're really hopeful that the season's going to hold its own," he said.

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Businesses welcome repaving

Traffic-snaring work to be done by July 1

The provincial repaving work taking place on Trunk 22 between Sydney and Albert Bridge, the Louisbourg highway, is causing some minor traffic delays, but the work is welcome news for merchants at the end of the road.

«I don't care how long they take as long as it gets done.»

John Drolet,
restaurant owner

"I don't care how long they take as long as it gets done," said Station House Restaurant owner John Drolet. "It was bone-jarring."

The merchants association member said the road work doesn't seem to be hampering business and is expected to be completed by July 1, in time for the major tourist season in the coastal community.

"Personally, I don't see any problem with it," said Drolet. "People, the most they're tied up is 10 minutes. That road was in hard shape and we've been hollering for it."

THE CAPE BRETON POST

»news In Brief

» **AWARDS** The Black Business Initiative presented two businesses in the Nova Scotia Black business community with awards at its 6th Black Business Summit Gala on June 20. The Hector Jacques Award of Excellence, now in its fifth year, recognized Abdullah Kirumira (BioMedica). Kirumira is a Ugandan-born scientist and entrepreneur who developed some rapid-acting HIV diagnostic tests, founded two biotechnology companies and developed an affordable way for African hospitals to access diagnostics equipment. Pauline Patten, owner of Pauline's Beauty Care, won this year's BBI Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

» **WINERY** Nova Scotia's newest and first organic winery, l'Acadie Vineyards, opened May 9. l'Acadie is a certified organic vineyard and winery built with geothermal heating and cooling. There is an in-ground barrel and sparkling tirage cellar, infrared reflecting roof, thick insulated concrete form walls and building orientation to take advantage of shading and natural light. The official grand opening will take place July 20. For more information, call (902) 542-8463, or visit www.lacadievineyards.ca.

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So much for that unemployed-Bluenosers-drawing-pogey stereotype. Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan saw the biggest drop in the number of people drawing unemployment insurance last year. In April 2008, 7.7 per cent fewer Nova Scotians drew EI than in April 2007. Saskatchewan did better, though, with a 16 per cent drop.

METRO HALIFAX

Add-ons opposed

Proposed library's \$42M price tag shocks councillors

By JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Halifax

Halifax doesn't need a \$42-million "Cadillac" library, according to some councillors.

Several HRM councillors were shocked by the price tag for the proposed Central Library which would replace the Spring Garden Road branch. A 250-seat auditorium and café are expensive extras, said Timberlea-Prospect Coun. Reg Rankin.

Making plans for a new auditorium just doesn't make sense when a massive fundraising effort is underway for the auditorium in Citadel high school.

Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey said she thinks they can meet the needs of the public without the expensive add-ons.

"I think we're looking at a Cadillac," she said. "What else will suffer? What else won't happen because of this?"

Judith Hare, Halifax Public Libraries CEO, said an auditorium is needed because the new library, on the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street, will be on land used by the Jazz Festival.

"And there's no small house downtown for people to use," Hare said.

She told council the proposal is actually scaled down and asked them to think of the future. She also expressed an urgency to replace the



Gisele Edwards reads one of the books she picked up at the Spring Garden Library yesterday. Edwards says \$42 million for a new library is too much and the extras aren't needed.

aging downtown library.

Gisele Edwards picked up a few books at the Spring Garden branch yesterday and said she likes the old building.

"I don't think we need everything like (the café) because we have all the conveniences already on Spring Garden."

Another library patron said a centerpiece library would be worth the money.

"I think the library is the most important aspect the city has and if they're going to put money into anything it should be the library and not widening Chebucto Road," said Gail McNeil.

While there was apprehension over the price tag at council yesterday, many councillors said replacing the library is long overdue. Discussion on the library plan was interrupted by other council matters and will land on the agenda again down the road.

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Berry season fruitful: Farmer

Jim Lorraine, a strawberry producer and owner of a local farm market, said good weather during the growing season and careful hand weeding have contributed to a bounty of berries this season.

"We're picking," he said. "Our season has begun. We've got the biggest crop

we've ever seen here before."

Consumers may notice a slight increase in the cost per quart of locally grown berries as farmers attempt to compensate for rising labour, fuel and fertilizer costs. "I think you are going to see a price increase by about 25 cents a box," said Lorraine.

METRO HALIFAX

»news In Brief

» **POST** Tim Tucker has accepted the position of the new executive director with the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce. Tucker has worked in the Cat Country/Big Dog radio stations' newsroom since 2000 and has been the news director since 2005. Tucker, 29, said it was a difficult decision to make. "I love what I do here at the radio station and have been so

happy to be a part of it," he said. "But sometimes it's nice to have those new challenges to overcome."

» **HOTEL** Visitors to Nova Scotia's scenic and historic Pictou County will have a new hotel to choose from. The Holiday Inn Express Stellarton-New Glasgow plans to open for business the week of July 21.

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The Special Investigations Unit, a civilian agency that investigates incidents involving police in which people are hurt or killed, is now investigating the death of an Ontario man who died Monday following a Taser encounter with police.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Khawaja placed at terror camp

Witness claims defendant visited facility in Pakistan

Alleged terrorist Mohammad Momin Khawaja returned from a Pakistani training camp excited about having fired machine guns and a rocket launcher, a court was told today.

The Ottawa software developer went to Afghanistan

in July 2003 to attend a training camp set up in a mountainous region of Pakistan near the Afghanistan border where he fired an AK-47 assault rifle, rocket propelled grenade and a light machine gun, Crown witness Mohammed Junaid Babar testified.

"He was excited and he enjoyed it," said Babar in describing Khawaja's demeanor when he returned to Lahore



money handed over

» Babar testified that when Khawaja returned to Lahore from the camp he handed over an undisclosed amount of Canadian money half of which was to go to the poor and the other half to the "brothers."

after about three or four days at the camp.

Khawaja went to the camp with Omar Khyam, a ring-leader in the failed London bombing plot, for which Khawaja is an accused par-

ticipant.

Earlier, the judge reviewed complaints that Babar's evidence was hearsay.

After Justice Douglas Rutherford ruled he would weigh the value of the evi-

dence later, Babar continued to testify about people involved in jihad-related matters from the United Kingdom to Pakistan.

Khawaja, 29, who once worked as a contract employee for the Department of Foreign Affairs, is accused of building detonators that were intended for use in blowing up a London nightclub and strategic infrastructure sites.

He pleaded not guilty to the seven terror-related offences.

Babar, 33, is a key figure in a failed London bombing plot, which was hatched between November 2003 and March 2004.

In exchange for immunity, Babar agreed to testify against Khawaja just as he did against the bomb plotters in London.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

green shift

Canadians want leader debate: Poll

TELEVISION An overwhelming majority of Canadians, over 70 per cent, want to see Stéphane Dion and Prime Minister Stephen Harper square off in a televised debate on the Liberals' proposal for a carbon tax, a new poll shows.

"Canadians appear to be ready to see Harper and Dion discussing policy away of the confines of the House of Commons, and this might help Dion," said Mario Canseco, director of global studies for Angus Reid Strategies.

Dion unveiled his party's widely anticipated "green shift" strategy last week and at the time, offered to take on Harper in a national debate on environmental issues "at any time."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Breastfeeding friendly



Nine-month-old Elora Yuen plays with a "Breastfeeding Friendly" sign at the Commensal Vegetarian Restaurant in Toronto yesterday. The city of Toronto has distributed 6,100 "Breastfeeding Anytime Anywhere" decals that restaurants can display on their door to help nursing mothers identify which restaurants are breastfeeding friendly.

Federal Court coming to aide of refugees

Reversing decisions made by Board of Immigration

In a series of stunning decisions, the Federal Court of Canada has jumped to the defence of Mexican women trying to stay in Canada to escape violence and abuse.

Six rulings in the last six weeks tossed aside decisions by the Immigration and Refugee Board. In one case, the board had declared that a 17-year-old girl's kidnapping and rape by the Los Zetas drug gang was "horrific" but wasn't bad enough to meet the threshold of "atrocious and appalling."

All must now return to a different panel of the refugee

board to have their case reheard for a final decision on whether they can stay.

"We are very thankful. Canadian people are very humanitarian," said one of the woman seeking asylum in Canada, who wished to remain anonymous.

Mexicans in the last few years have surged to the top of the list of people asking Canada for refugee protection, from 1,649 claims in 2001 to 7,062 last year.

Many are middle-class people trying to escape extortion, kidnapping and violence by flourishing drug cartels says Judith Teichman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto

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claims

» Up until recently, 89 per cent of the claims are rejected.

\$100,000 reward in triple murder case

Ottawa police seeking leads

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Nearly a year after the triple murder of an Ottawa tax judge, his wife and their neighbour, city police yesterday offered a \$100,000 reward in a bid to spur new leads into the case.

Family members of all three victims — judge Alban Garon, his wife Raymonde and neigh-

bour Marie-Claire Beniskos — attended the police announcement yesterday, nearly a year after the June 30, 2007, discovery of the victims' bound and beaten bodies in the Garons' condominium at Unit 1002, 1510 Riverside Dr.

In written statements read by Staff-Sgt. Monique Perras, relatives of the Garons urged the public to provide tips to help the investigation. Since the murders, detectives have interviewed 1,500 people as far away as Spain.



Ottawa Police Staff-Sgt. Monique Perras announced yesterday that a \$100,000 reward is now being offered to anyone with information that leads to arrest in a 2007 triple slaying.

PM appeals to nationalism

With impending by-elections on their mind, the Commons' four party leaders converged in Montreal to stake out political turf and rub elbows with would-be voters enjoying the St.-Jean-Baptiste Day holiday.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose fortunes in Quebec have slipped recently amid controversy surrounding former foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier, seized the occasion to make his latest, and perhaps boldest, appeal to nationalist

Quebec voters.

Speaking to about 350 supporters Harper said his party is the only one that can deliver on Quebec's aspirations.

"True nationalists aren't trying to block the future, they want to open the doors to it even wider. True nationalists don't fear reality, they want to improve it. True nationalists don't want to demolish, they want to build. We (Conservatives) are the true nationalists," he said.

world



U.S. radio personality Don Imus, left, yesterday defended linking football player Adam "Pacman" Jones' race to brushes with the police as Imus tried to dampen a controversy over remarks he made one day earlier. CBS Radio fired Imus in April 2007 for making a racially derogatory comment. **REUTERS**

Suicide mars Sarkozy exit

Soldier shoots self as French leader leaves Israel

An Israeli guard on the perimeter of a farewell airport ceremony for French President Nicolas Sarkozy shot himself dead yesterday, causing a security stir but not endangering the visiting leader, police said.

Bodyguards rushed Sarkozy and his wife to their plane and whisked Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Shimon Peres toward armoured cars on the tarmac.

"This was in no way an assassination attempt," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said, calling the incident a suicide.

The two Israeli leaders later returned to the aircraft to bid the Sarkozys goodbye after it

splitting Jerusalem

» The main event of Sarkozy's visit was his address on Monday to Israel's parliament, in which he called for an end to the expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and for Israel and a future Palestine each to have a capital in Jerusalem.

was established that the incident was over and posed no threat. The plane then took off.

Rosenfeld said the guard who shot himself was a paramilitary policeman assigned to a security patrol at the airport.

During his three-day state visit, Sarkozy repeatedly put himself forward as a possible broker of peace between Israel and the Palestinians, using his support among Israelis to mend ties and nudge them towards a peace deal. **REUTERS**



France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, top, reacts after hearing a shot, on the staircase of the presidential plane at Ben Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv, Israel, yesterday. **GIL COHEN MACEN/REUTERS**

Mugabe defies critics

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe defied mounting pressure yesterday from both inside and outside Africa to call off Friday's presidential election, saying he had a legal obligation to go ahead.

Both Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade and South African ruling ANC leader Jacob Zuma said the presidential run-off must be postponed

after opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai withdrew from the vote and fled to the Dutch embassy in Harare. But Mugabe shrugged off the pressure.

"The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on. Those who want to recognize our legitimacy can do so, those who don't want, should not," Mugabe told a rally in western Zimbabwe. **REUTERS**

« The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on »

Robert Mugabe

» news In Brief

» **OBAMA** Two weeks after his wife ended her White House bid, former Democratic President Bill Clinton offered a faint voice of support for Barack Obama — through a spokesman.

» **ATTACK** Afghan police backed by NATO air strikes killed 14 Taliban insurgents after the militants attacked a small town

in eastern Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

» **CHURCH** The Vatican defended the late archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the head of the Vatican Bank whose tenure was marred by financial scandal, from media reports yesterday that he ordered the killing of a 15-year-old girl in 1983. **REUTERS**

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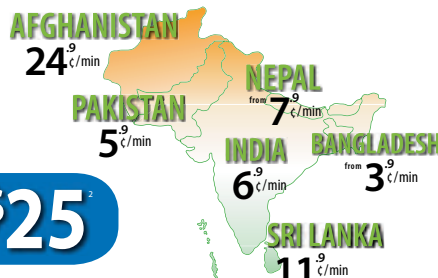
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Grad **Jobless**

Joshua Persky, a financial engineer who lost his job in the volatile banking industry six months ago, stands in front of the Charles Schwab building in New York City with a sign explaining his situation. Persky says standing on a corner passing out resumes beats networking and writing e-mails.

Price of education

Students carrying heavy loan load

Cash-strapped students will increasingly tap the Canada Student Loan Program to fund post-secondary studies over the next 25 years, even though the total number of students enrolling in college or university is forecast to decline over that period, says a new report.

increasing need

» Tuition fees are "the primary source" fuelling the need for student loans. Average tuition fees are expected to jump from \$5,800 in 2007-08 to \$19,000 in 2031-32.

Post-secondary enrolment is expected to shrink as growing numbers of youth join the work force early.

Those pursuing college or university will rely more on student loans because their expenses will outpace their resources, the Actuarial Report on the Canada Student Loan Program said.

It forecasts the total amount of new loans issued will swell to \$2.9 billion in 2031-32, up from \$1.9 billion in 2006-07.

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» **PAYDAY** New Democrat industry critic Peggy Nash says legislation to regulate payday loans has a loophole that allows lenders to skirt the rules by attracting borrowers over the Internet from provinces with tougher laws.

» **MEETING** Biovail Corp.'s shareholders will know today whether they have plotted a course that could dramatically

change the future of Canada's biggest publicly traded drugmaker. The shareholders, who have seen the stock plunge 45 per cent in the past four years, could vote for a new slate of directors floated by founder Eugene Melnyk, or they may stay the course with the incumbent slate and a radical shift in strategy.

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wireless auction

Value of bids surpasses \$4B

PREDICTED Total bids surpassed \$4 billion this week in an auction of wireless airwaves, more than double what most observers initially predicted when the auction began in late May.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Armour founder honoured:

Ben McCrea, founder and chairman of the Armour Group Limited, was to be inducted into the University of New Brunswick's engineering wall of fame yesterday. McCrea, a native of Salisbury, N.B., graduated from UNB's engineering class in 1963. Armour is recognized for redeveloping downtown Halifax.

Municipal report card:

Comparing Nova Scotia's 55 municipalities, a Halifax-based conservative think-tank suggests the Cape Breton's financial situation isn't

unique. The Atlantic Institute for Market Studies' interim municipal report card says municipal amalgamation isn't working. It ranked Cape Breton third, behind Queens and Halifax.

TrentonWorks rumour:

Pictou County politicians have been flooded with inquiries about an unfounded rumour that TrentonWorks has been sold after an interested company toured the plant for the second time.

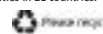
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The Tampa Bay Lightning named Barry Melrose, left, as the team's new head coach yesterday. Melrose, who most recently was an analyst for ESPN, is a former coach of the Los Angeles Kings.

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CFL needs to have sexy season

Another CFL season kicks off tomorrow night, which excites us because we enjoy the league and have cared about its welfare for decades. But let's tell it like it is.

The CFL hasn't provided much entertainment for years. Oh, the league's propagandists and their attached-at-the-hip shills on the airwaves like to go on ad nauseum about how thrilling their games have been, but take it from a guy who hasn't missed more than five or six in 15 years: The CFL ain't what it used to be.

Scoring has decreased substantially. So have big plays and game-breakers. Conspicuous by their absences have been the dazzling kick returns from Gizmo Williams and Pinball Clemons, the magical scrambles from Doug Flutie and Jeff Garcia and Matt Dunigan, the

bombs from Warren Moon, the impossible catches from Darren Flutie and Allen Pitts, the remarkable runs from Mike Pringle.

The truth is that, unless you're fond of defence, the CFL has come up short since 2000. And, with the NFL threatening to invade Toronto — arguably the CFL's most significant city — this simply must be a banner year for Canadian football.

Unfortunately, there aren't many new faces inspiring excessive enthusiasm. There's certainly been the usual off-season recycling, though. The Saskatchewan Roughriders could no longer afford quarterback/MVP Kerry Joseph so they dispatched him to the Argonauts. The Edmonton Eskimos acquired the



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eral manager of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

And there will be four new head coaches, although the Montreal Alouettes' Marc Trestman is the only true greenhorn. Rich Stubler and Ken Miller were promoted from their assistant coaching positions in Toronto and Saskatchewan, respectively. And John Hufnagel, an offensive guru who was a CFL QB and assistant coach in the 1980s and 1990s, replaces the fired Tom Hig-

gins as the Calgary Stampeders' head coach.

Higgins is the CFL's new officiating supervisor, which is confusing since he never seemed to understand the league's rules in the first place. But let's refrain from picking on Higgins. For now.

For the record, I'm picking Hufnagel's Stamps to win the Grey Cup. I suspect the Ticats will improve while the Als will sputter, and I think Calgary QB Henry Burris will emerge as the CFL's top player.

But I'll have a thorough CFL preview tomorrow — including predictions, players to watch for and a look at this week's games — in the first 2008 instalment of my weekly CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

NHL

Maple Leafs waive Raycroft, Wellwood

JOBS The Toronto Maple Leafs shook up their roster yesterday, waiving backup goaltender Andrew Raycroft and forward Kyle Wellwood.

The team is also reportedly set to buy out the remainder of winger Darcy Tucker's contract, but general manager Cliff Fletcher says defenceman Bryan McCabe won't be cut.



Tucker

NHL

NHL suspends Anaheim owner

LAW Anaheim Ducks owner Henry Samueli was suspended indefinitely from any involvement with the team and the NHL by commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday.

The ban comes a day after Samueli pleaded guilty to one count of making a false statement to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

golf

Woods undergoes successful surgery

INJURIES Tiger Woods underwent reconstructive surgery yesterday to repair a torn ligament in his left knee, an operation described as a success by his doctors.

Woods, 32, decided to shut down his 2008 campaign after clinching his 14th major title at the U.S. Open eight days ago.

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» **NBA** Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony pleaded guilty yesterday to driving while impaired, stemming from a drunken driving arrest in April. By pleading guilty, Anthony avoided a more serious driving under the influence offence. He was sentenced to one year's probation, 24 hours of community service, and must pay \$1,049 US in court costs and fees.

» **NBA** Miami Heat forward Shawn Marion reportedly won't opt out of the final year of his contract. The Miami Herald spoke with Marion's agent, Dan Fegan, who said discussions for an extension took place. However, he added a deal could not be reached and it was decided that Marion would complete the final year of his deal.

» **MLB** Third baseman Scott Rolen homered and knocked in four runs as the Toronto Blue Jays used a six-run first inning and a five-run second to power their way to a 14-1 win over the Cincinnati Reds in the opener of a three-game set at the Rogers Centre last night.

» **MLB** Washington Nationals first baseman Nick Johnson underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right wrist yesterday and will miss the remainder of the season. Johnson missed the entire 2007 season after recovering from a broken right leg.

» **NFL** The New York Giants have agreed to sign star right guard Chris Snee to a six-year contract extension, according to the Newark Star-Ledger.

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Venus shines on 'Ladies Day'

No. 5 Davydenko suffers another Wimbledon flop

A pesky bee almost threw Venus Williams off course at Wimbledon yesterday but the defending champion regained her composure to swat aside Naomi Cavaday and reach the second round.

Opening Centre Court proceedings on the traditional "Ladies Day", the American ran into some early trouble before she staked her claim for a fifth title at the All England Club with a 7-6, 6-1 win over British wildcard Cavaday.

Her possible semifinal opponent, 2004 champion Maria Sharapova breezed to a 6-1, 6-4 win over France's Stephanie Foretz, but Sharapova's Russian compatriot, men's fourth seed Nikolay Davydenko, suffered his fifth first-round defeat in seven appearances when he went down 6-4, 6-4 to Germany's Benjamin Becker.

French Open champion Rafael Nadal showed no signs of slowing down as he



TOM NEVILLE/REUTERS

Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., defeated Ukraine's Mariya Koryttseva 7-5, 6-4 yesterday at Wimbledon to advance to the second round for the first time.

recorded his 18th successive win to dispatch German qualifier Andreas Beck 6-4, 6-4, 7-6.

Andy Murray, given the responsibility

of ending Britain's 72-year wait for a men's champ now that Tim Henman has retired, began with a 6-3 6-4 7-6 defeat of wily Frenchman Fabrice Santoro. **REUTERS**

SCOREBOARD

MLB

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

INTERLEAGUE

Boston 5 Arizona 4

L.A. Angels 8 Washington 3

Pittsburgh 12 N.Y. Yankees

San Francisco 3 Cleveland 2

Seattle 11 N.Y. Mets 0

St. Louis 8 Detroit 4

Tampa Bay 6 Florida 4

Toronto 14 Cincinnati 1

Houston 4 Texas 3

Baltimore 7 Chicago Cubs 5

Kansas City 7 Colorado 3

Minnesota at San Diego

Philadelphia at Oakland

Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TODAY'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE

Arizona at Boston, 8:05

N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 8:05

St. Louis at Detroit, 8:05

San Francisco at Cleveland, 8:05

Cincinnati at Toronto, 8:07

Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 8:10

Tampa Bay at Florida, 8:10

L.A. Angels at Washington, 8:10

Texas at Houston, 9:05

Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 9:05

Colorado at Kansas City, 9:10

Minnesota at San Diego, 11:05

Philadelphia at Oakland, 11:05

Chicago Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 11:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 2:05

CFL

WEEK 1

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Montreal at Hamilton, 8

B.C. at Calgary, 11

FRIDAY'S GAME

Toronto at Winnipeg, 9

SATURDAY'S GAME

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 8:30

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Acajoux, the mascot for the Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie, gives a thumbs-up while Natasha Doiron, a 15-year-old athlete from Dartmouth, is interviewed at Le Carrefour du Grand Havre yesterday. Doiron will be competing in the 4x100 relay at the four-day sporting and cultural event.

Acadian celebration

Cultural games to descend on Halifax

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

Natasha Doiron has competed at the Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie before, but now, the event is coming to her.

The Jeux de l'Acadie, billed as the largest celebration of Acadian and Francophone youth

in Atlantic Canada, will be held in Halifax and Dartmouth starting Saturday as the event comes to Nova Scotia for the first time in its 29-year history.

"Normally, we have the long trip to New Brunswick, but this time, we'll actually get people from New Brunswick to come here," said Doiron, a 15-year-old track-and-field athlete from Dartmouth. "It's a way to show off what we have."

The Jeux de l'Acadie has been held in New

Brunswick 26 times and in Prince Edward Island twice.

Doiron is one of 1,100 athletes aged 10 to 16 who will compete at the Jeux de l'Acadie. The event is also expected to draw 2,000 parents and is organized by 800 volunteers.

"It's like an English province here," said Doiron, who just finished her Grade 9 year at Ecole du Carrefour.

"It's really great to show other people that we do have French people in Nova Scotia. New Brunswick can come and join us and we can show off how French we can be."

Event president Roger Arsenault said the Jeux de l'Acadie is important for Francophone youth because it's "more than a sporting event. It's a cultural event."

Competition begins on Saturday morning, with the opening ceremonies open to the public on

Saturday night at Exhibition Park. The event wraps up on Canada Day.

Sea Dogs' Anthony off to under-18 selection camp

Randell, Brown, Roy also head to Calgary

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

Halifax's Steven Anthony didn't exactly set the world on fire in his rookie year with the Saint John Sea Dogs.

So it's understandable the 17-year-old was on pins and needles waiting for Hockey Canada to announce its selection-camp roster for this summer's under-18 team.

Turns out he didn't have anything to worry about it. Anthony was one of 40 players selected yesterday to participate in the camp, which runs Aug. 1 to 6 in Calgary.

"You're always nervous about making a team and getting invited like that," the 6-foot-2, 195-pound centre said. "After having a year like that and getting picked, it's exciting, and I just want to show them they made the right choice."

Halifax Mooseheads forward Travis Randell, Moncton Wildcats forward Matt Brown of Bible Hill, and Cape Breton Screaming Eagles goaltender Olivier Roy also made the camp.



Steven Anthony struggled with just six goals and eight assists for the Saint John Sea Dogs last season.

Anthony, who was selected 10th overall in last year's QMJHL draft, collected six goals and eight assists in 55 games while buried on the fourth line on a deep Sea Dogs team. He went from a top 50 prospect on International Scouting Service's ranking for the 2009 NHL entry draft to falling completely off it.

"I played on a good team, I didn't get as much ice time, but that's part of being a young guy in major junior," Anthony said. "I'm happy with the year but I could have done better."

"I'm glad the guys with Hockey Canada have faith in me, and they gave me a shot. I don't want to let them down."

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D-League president was 'impressed' with Halifax

Geography key to lack of expansion

The NBA Development League issued a statement to Metro Halifax yesterday offering the thoughts of president Dan Reed on why the Halifax Rainmen were not granted an expansion team for the 2008-09 season.

"Our due diligence revealed a number of operational issues related to Halifax's geographical location that posed challenges given our current geographic footprint and status as the official minor league of the NBA, and (they) could not immediately be resolved in a satisfactory manner," Reed said.

"Aside from these issues, we do feel that Halifax can be a strong market for an NBA D-League team, and we were impressed by the ownership, the arena and its management, commitments made by civic and business leadership, and the strong support for basketball in Halifax."

The Rainmen announced Monday they had joined the Premier Basketball League after their bid to join the D-League fell short. Rainmen owner Andre Levingston gave no indication he would reapply to the D-League in 2009-10 and said he is "looking forward to a long relationship with the PBL."

—MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX

basketball

Berry resignation remains a mystery

JOBS Les Berry's resignation from the Acadia Axemen basketball team remains a mystery.

The Halifax native stepped down from his post on Monday after guiding the Axemen to one of their most successful seasons in three decades. The announcement was made in a press release and no reason was given for the move. Berry and Acadia athletic director Brian Heaney have not returned phone messages left yesterday afternoon and Monday evening. The Axemen went 18-2 last season and finished national runner-up.

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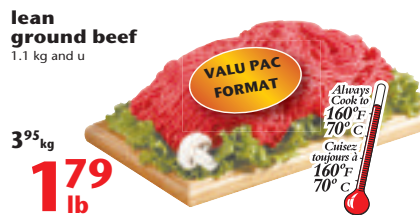
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As an independent grocer, Valufoods' owners live in your community and therefore are focused on supporting local community programs and businesses.

Bryan Inglis, vice president of agriculture and independent business for CO-OP Atlantic, was on hand to congratulate the owners.

"There are plenty of super box stores around Atlantic Canada," Inglis said. "A neighbourhood store like this is catering to the people who live here — seniors and families."

The first Valufoods' store opened in 2001. The goal was to offer people like you a pleasant, quick and convenient shopping experience in your own community. The Novalea store is the 27th community Valufoods location in Atlantic Canada, and the second in Halifax Regional Municipality.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout," John Harlow said at the store's grand opening on Friday, June 20. "This shows that we are filling a niche in the neighbourhood. This store provides a small town feel in the big city."

Besides being convenient and comfortable, Novalea Valufoods boasts excellent meat, a wide grocery selection and competitive prices in every department.

"Under the Valufoods label, we're able to offer a lot more variety and the prices we can offer are much lower because our cost is a lot better," John Harlow explained. "We couldn't have done all of this without the help of CO-OP."

Among the crowd of community members was Coun. Patrick Murphy, who helped the Harlow's cut the ribbon and official welcome customers.

"Stores like this are so important for our communities," said Murphy. "It's 10 a.m. on a Friday morning and this store is busy. Some of these folks walk here every day and I think they appreciate the size and nature of this establishment."

Customers came and went around the side of the building, stopping to admire the unique mural that makes the building even more of a landmark in the community.

"Everyone knows of the Halifax explosion, so this mural reflects a major time in our history," John Harlow explained.

John and Nancy Harlow invite you to drop by, say hello and see their renovations at 3574 Novalea Drive, Halifax.



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Couples Focus on challenge

Ford's feisty car put to test

Ford's new compact Focus has been remade to attract young professionals, couples and families and anyone looking for style, durability and daily utility in an economical package.

Several Canadian couples representative of potential buyers were brought together to drive the new car for their evaluation for Carguide Magazine.

In a controlled environment, they practised advanced driving skills in the vehicle before taking it out on a public highway, this time in and around historic Montréal and the ski and golf resort town of Mont-Tremblant.

New exterior design, an all-new interior and improved driving dynamics, plus the industry-first Ford/Microsoft Sync system (bringing previously unheard-of levels of connectivity to the market, regardless



The new Ford Focus showcases new technologies and styling mixed with a confidence-inspiring ride and reflexive handling that give it a nimbleness and fun-to-drive factor that rivals the best small cars.

of segment) define the new Focus.

Fuel economy has been improved through better aerodynamics, engine modifications and a body that weighs 45 kg less than before. The new Focus is also

quieter inside, through use of thicker windshield and door glass, better aerodynamics and sound deadening materials.

Pricing for the S model coupe and sedan starts at \$15,999, including air condi-

tioning. Prices start at \$17,399 for the two-door SE coupe and top out at \$19,999 on the four-door SES sedan.

Several drivers expressed amazement at how little distance the Focus took to fully stop on wet pavement and how the anti-lock braking allowed them to maintain



Toronto couple Caryn Schumacher and Craig Sabine.

Auto engagement

» A Toronto couple who went to Quebec to put the new 2008 Ford Focus to the test came away from the weekend engaged to be married. Caryn Schumacher, 25, and Craig Sabine, 27, were invited to be among the first Canadians to experience the re-

re-engineered 2008 Ford Focus. Up with the birds at 5 a.m. on the first day of the event, Sabine, an associate at an energy consulting firm, asked Schumacher to be his co-driver for life. "There's nothing like waking up to diamonds," said Schumacher, a human resources co-ordinator.

steering control while forcing the brake pedal.

Generally, the applied science of the human/machine interface, called ergonomics, scored high marks all around. The tallest of the drivers, six-foot Craig Sabine of Toronto, remarked on more-than-ample head-

space in the back seat and in the front. Entry and exit was easy courtesy of large doors that open wide, said Zeeya Fazal of Brampton, Ont.

The Focus won kudos for comfort and performance with "just right" steering, said Fazal, who found it a breeze to zip between cones in the lane change exercise.

"This car steers wonderfully," remarked Sabine.

The Focus's sturdy body structure and many active and passive safety systems won praise from all. Standard front- and side-curtain airbags added "a sense of security just knowing they're there," said Michael Leone of Welland, Ont. All wished for back seat head restraints.

The standard tire repair and inflation kit in the S and SE models is a useful and innovative space-saving feature, observed Al Carroccio, while Zeeya Fazal found the non-intrusive trunk hinges "a great idea — I love the way the back seat folds ... it was so easy and gives lots of room for large items."

Significantly, all said they would recommend others to test drive the Focus when shopping for a new compact car.

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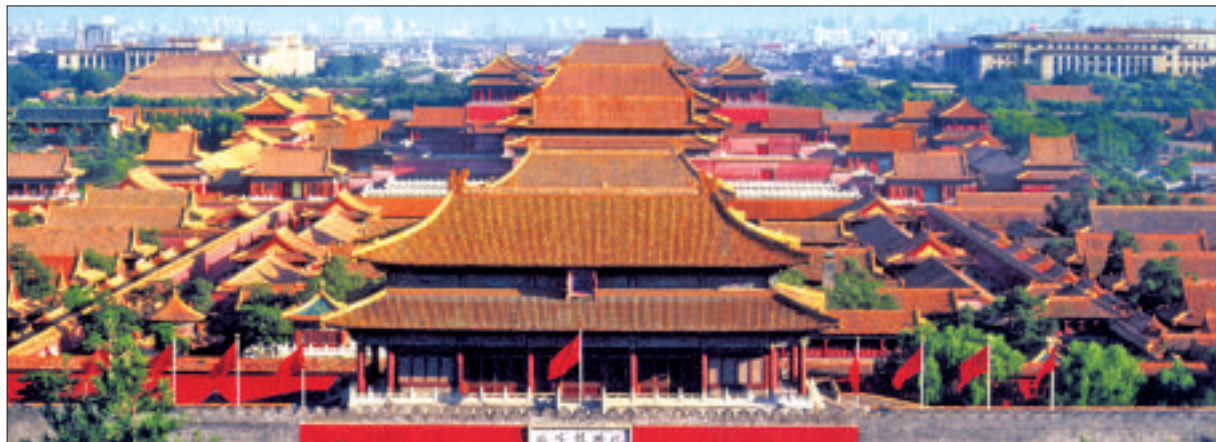
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Beijing's essential experiences

From acrobatics
to art, a guide to
the must-see sites

A visit to Beijing can be daunting for the uninitiated. What you really need is advice from a local expert who can give you the lowdown on where to find the best of the Chinese capital. And who better to share her knowledge than a concierge?

Here, Leigh Li, chief concierge at top Beijing hotel, The Peninsula (beijing.peninsula.com), gives her insider's tips on what to experience when you visit Beijing.



A walk to the top of Coal Hill in Jingshan Park gives visitors a beautiful view of the rooftops of The Forbidden City, an Imperial palace that covers 183 acres.

1. ACROBATIC SHOW — See the show staged at Wan Sheng Theatre in Qian Men

District, one of the oldest districts in Beijing. Show starts at 7:15 p.m. daily.

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CHINESE CONTEMPORARY ART — Located in the Dashanzi area, to the north-east of central Beijing, 798 is

a cultural centre housed in what used to be several state-owned factories including Factory 798, which originally produced military machinery.

Artists and cultural organizations began to colonize the factory spaces in 2002, and it's now home to galleries, art centres, artists' studios, design companies, restaurants and bars as well as the new Ullens Centre for Contemporary Art.

3. HUTONG TOUR — Take a ride on a bicycle-driven rickshaw through the city's historic "hutong" district, where many of the residents still live in traditional quadrangle dwellings.

4. THE OLYMPIC STADIUMS

— Visit the newly built Olympic stadiums including the Bird's Nest and Cube Aquatics Centre.

5. LEARN ABOUT BEIJING HISTORY AT THE CAPITAL MUSEUM — This recently opened museum features the history of Beijing and Chinese architecture — a must for anyone who wants to know more about the capital. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed every Monday).

6. EXPLORE THE GREAT WALL — China started building the Great Wall since before it was a nation. The

best-known section of the Wall is Badaling in the mountains of Yangqing County.

For an alternative view, visit the Juyongguan Pass, just south of Badaling, in Changping County and a bit nearer to Beijing. The most recently restored part of the Wall, it spans one of the nine passes crossed by the Wall.

7. THE FORBIDDEN CITY —
It took a million labourers and 100,000 artisans to complete the first version of this imperial palace between 1406 and 1420, during the Ming Dynasty. The total area of the complex is an impressive 183 acres, so it takes quite a while to walk through, especially if you want to have a close look at all there is to see. There are 999 rooms in the museum, although not all can be visited. For a spectacular aerial view over The Forbidden City, walk to the top of the Coal Hill in Jingshan Park.

8. PANJIAYUAN MARKET — The mother of all antique markets, Panjiayuan is home to 3,000 dealers who scour the countryside in search of antiques, family heirlooms and curios. This is the place to go for everything from 1930 silk qipao dresses to 1990 Qing-looking furniture and almost everything in between. Open only on weekend mornings.

9. TEA STREET — Tea Street was originally called “Iris Street.” It now houses eight wholesale markets and more than 600 tea shops selling more than 500 different varieties of tea leaves. The street is close to West Beijing Railway Station.

10. CHILL OUT IN HOU HAI — Lotus Lane is the happening district of the Hou Hai lake area, where there are a number of small eateries and interesting bars, many with live music. There are also several shops selling art.

11. BOAT OR SKATE IN THE SUMMER PALACE — One of the best parks in the city, it was established as a retreat for emperors to escape the scorching summer heat.

Walk along the famous Long Corridor, the covered walkway that runs alongside the park's Lake Kunming — it's the longest painted corridor in the world according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Also on the shore of the lake is the Marble Boat, the lakeside pavillion where royals used to take tea.

12. FLY A KITE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE — It's easy to buy a kite in Beijing. In spring and autumn, flying a kite in Tiananmen Square is the perfect way to enjoy this traditional activity to the fullest.

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Border guards, unleash the dogs



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Customs officials are quick to give me the evil eye. My passport has so many transit stamps that even I admit it's starting to look a little strange. I've been to over 60 countries (many of them considered "suspect") and the total is rising rapidly.

So border guards, unleash the dogs — I am about to set off for my third adventure around the world.

This time, I'll be heading out with a television crew to film season two of *Word Travels* (airing every Wednesday across Canada on OLN). With another 13 episodes green lit, my bags are packed — I don't think I ever really unpacked from my last adventure — and I'm gearing up for another round of passport stamps.

Word Travels follows the real lives of two young Canadian writers — Vancouver-based adventurer Robin Esrock and yours truly — to capture the warts-and-all lifestyle that is travel jour-



JULIA DIMON FOR METRO TORONTO

Metro columnist Julia Dimon has been enjoying life in B.C. in recent weeks, but she's about to take off on another around-the-world trip to tape her television show, *Word Travels*.

nalism. We're talking the good, the bad, the hunk-gover and the cranky.

From taxi scams to language barriers, readers will discover that my so-called dream job comes with the occasional nightmare.

Last year, our show visited Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Dubai, Jordan, Ethiopia, Lithuania, Latvia, Thailand, Hong Kong, Yukon and New Zealand.

This year, our list includes Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Romania, Ukraine, Turkey, Georgia, Belize, Mexico, British Colombia — gotta get Canada in there somehow — and Jamaica.

We'll be gone for the next few months, filming overseas through every-

thing from political turmoil to the occasional surprise typhoon.

That's nothing for our fearless crew of six. Picture two on-camera hosts, Sean (a bald director of photography with an affinity for beer) Chris (a jack of all trades who acts as a human garbator), Paul (a sound guy who habitually dislocates his shoulder) and a cast of rotating directors to wrangle the fray.

If it's anything like last season, I can expect long days shooting, lots of luggage, tons of delayed flights and a set of well-defined ab muscles from laughing at the crew's hysterical antics. They're a good group of peeps, who I'm happy to have as my

surrogate family.

But I'm also looking for assistance from Metro readers. I'll be looking for cool, unusual stories in all of the destinations we're visiting, and I'm hoping to elicit your suggestions.

Do you know of any cool places to stay, eat or party? Off-the-beaten track spots, human interest stories or quirky sub-cultures? Things to do, things to avoid — I'm open to it. If you would like to share your thoughts, I'd love to hear from you. Contact me at editor@thetraveljunkie.ca.

Meanwhile, I'm off to the airport, sketchy-looking passport in hand.

Freelance writer Julia Dimon is host of *Word Travels*, airing on OLN. Contact her at www.thetraveljunkie.ca



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The Missoni family's penchant for colour is evident in the décor scheme of this hotel bathroom. The Hotel Missoni chain will launch its first properties early next year.

Luxury brand Missoni to launch hotel chain

Following in the footsteps of Italian fashion houses including Armani, Bulgari and Versace, Missoni, the label famous for its signature chevron-patterned knits, is to launch a chain of hotels.

In partnership with The Rezidor Hotel Group, Missoni's creative director Rosita

Missoni, who developed Missoni's successful homeware label, is scheduled to oversee the launch of 10 properties by 2013 in both cities and resorts.

First to open are the hotels in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Kuwait, at the start of 2009.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Japanese voted top tourists

Going on holiday soon? It would help if you became more like the Japanese, who were voted by hoteliers as the world's best tourists in a global travel survey released this month. The survey, by online travel company Expedia.com, asked more than

4,000 hoteliers world wide to list their best overall travellers. The Japanese won top prize for being overall best tourists. Germans and Britons tied for second place, followed by the Canadians and Swiss. Americans came in at number 11 overall. **REUTERS**

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Hilary Duff, left, has joined Winona Ryder, Jon Cryer, Sean Astin, and Chevy Chase in the cast of the Polish brothers comedy *Stay Cool*. EW.COM

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In Brief

» **OUTDOORS** Two Planks and a Passion Theatre will begin previewing its outdoor show on July 2 at the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts in Canning. The cast features Halifax-based actors Susan LeBlanc-Crawford and Stewart Legere. For tickets, visit www.twoplanks.ca

» **SOLVING PROBLEMS** Nova Scotian's Kyla Tinley and Tamara Fiffeld have made it into the top-nine of CBC Television's *How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?* The show is looking for a woman to play Maria von Trapp in a new theatrical version of *The Sound of Music* in Toronto.

» **CELTIC PRIDE** Organizers of the Celtic Colours International Festival have released the line-up of performers slated to play the 12th annual event in Cape Breton. Spanish musicians Carlos Nunez will perform, as will Rita MacNeil and Ashley MacIsaac. Visit www.celticcolours.com for tickets.

» **ARTISTS** DaPoPo Theatre will be hosting another café night this Thursday. It takes place at the Good Food Emporium on Gottingen Street from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Seating is limited. METRO HALIFAX

A Shocking development

State of Shock returns to town after a big year

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

State of Shock still counts last year's Canada Day concert on Citadel Hill as one of the most surreal in its career.

"That was the beginning of our touring, and to be put in front of that many people that off the bat was pretty amazing," guitarist Jesse Wainwright said.

The Vancouver-based group had recently released its album, *Life, Love & Lies*, and was touring Canada-wide with Nickelback. The July 1 performance saw more than 20,000 people show up for the gig, which also fea-



State of Shock signed a U.S. record deal after its song hit No. 1 on satellite radio.

tured Hedley, Default, Finger Eleven, Staind and Daughtry.

"The last song we played was the one everyone knows," said Wainwright, referring to his band's hit single *Money Honey*. "To have thousands singing that song was a pretty good feeling."

"We are anxious to get

back," added the guitarist, who performs at The Marquee Club tomorrow night.

Sales of the band's single recently surpassed 40,000 copies stateside, and became one of the top requested songs on satellite radio. That success saw State of Shock sign with Universal Republic

Records in the United States.

"That is probably one of the best feelings a band can have," Wainwright said about the group's grassroots success. "To cross stateside, strictly on sheer requests, and the song went to No. 1, that is a pretty good feeling."

He said band members

were banging their heads against the wall for a good half year trying to figure out how to get into the U.S. market and sign that record deal. People warned them the industry was too commercial, too pop for the group's sound. "As soon the single hit No. 1, within six hours every major label had called us," Wainwright said. "It probably never happens fast enough for a band — but it has been pretty quick for us and we feel fortunate that way."

more information

- » What: State of Shock
- » Where: The Marquee Club
- » When: Tomorrow, 10 p.m.
- » Tickets: \$16.50. Visit ticketpro.ca or call 1-888-310-9090

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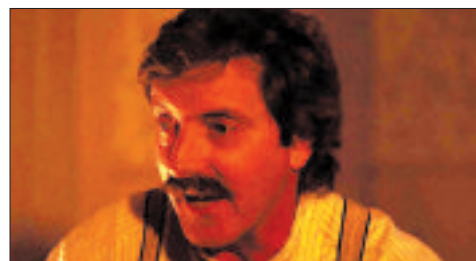
A night of Gaelic storytelling

In the spirit of a long Nova Scotian tradition

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

A group of local storytellers will be spinning tales this Friday night — all in Gaelic. The performance, a rare threat for audiences, will see new and native speaker tell age-old and contemporary stories.

"It is all done in the spirit of a long Nova Scotian tradition," said Marc Almon. "Some will be hundreds of years old while others may have just been composed last week. A local filmmaker, Almon is the chair of the Gaelic Language Society of Halifax, a group working to promote the use of the language, which was once spoken in a number of



Gaelic storytellers, like the one in the locally-made *The Wake of Calum MacLeod*, will weave tales at The Music Room on Friday.

communities across the province. "We thought this would be a great way to bring a part of Nova Scotia's past and present Gaelic culture to people to enjoy," said Almon.

Among the storytellers taking part in the event — Na Sgeulaichean in Gaelic — are Catriona Parsons, Joe Murphy, Shannon MacDonald and Lewis MacKinnon, from the Office of Gaelic Affairs.

Three additional presenters — Shay MacMullin, Patrick Bennett and Donnie MacDonald — are newcomers, having just started to study the language.

Almon is also learning the language.

A Cape Bretoner, he became more interested in it after making the Gaelic-lan-

guage film *The Wake of Calum MacLeod*. The short film is about a storyteller who no longer has an audience because his children moved away from Cape Breton and there is no one around him who speaks Gaelic.

This is the second time the society holds an evening like this. More than 80 people attended last year's sold-out show at The Citadel. To accommodate more people this time, the event is being held at The Music Room.

"It was really exciting, because here we are in an age where we are bombarded with stories in newspapers, YouTube and on TV, and yet there is still this desire for that traditional form of oral storytelling," Almon said.

more information

- » What: The Storytellers, a night of Gaelic tales
- » Where: The Music Room, 6181 Lady Hammond Rd.
- » When: Friday, 7 p.m.
- » Tickets: \$20. Call 802-0328

Get Smart, starring Steve Carell, right, was the top movie in Halifax for the three-day period starting June 20.

EMPIRE THEATRES



Carlin first posthumous Twain honouree

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts said Monday it would go ahead with plans to present its Mark Twain Prize for American Humor to the late George Carlin, making him the first comedian so honoured posthumously.

Carlin, the counter-culture figure famed for his provocative stand-up routines on such subjects as profanity, drugs and the demise of humankind, died

Sunday at age 71 after complaining of heart problems earlier in the day.

The Kennedy Center had only announced days before that Carlin was selected as the 11th recipient of its prestigious Mark Twain award, an honor bestowed annually at a black-tie gala televised on the Public Broadcasting Service network PBS.

"He was thrilled that he was chosen ... and today



Carlin died Sunday at 71.

was the day we were supposed to talk on the phone about potential guests," said Mark Krantz, an executive

producer of the show. After consulting with Carlin's family and PBS, the Kennedy Center decided to go forward with the ceremony as scheduled on Nov. 10.

The show, taped at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., will air on PBS at a date to be announced.

For Carlin's ceremony, producers will stick with the usual format described by Krantz as "a funny cele-

bration of a career," with friends and peers telling stories and anecdotes and introducing clips of his work.

"He has a 50-year career to look back on," Krantz said.

"He was the first host of 'Saturday Night Live.' He did 130 Johnny Carson shows, he did 13 or more HBO specials, he's won four Grammys."

The Mark Twain prize is

named for the 19th-century novelist, essayist and humorist whose given name was Samuel Clemens, author of such classics as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Contrary to Carlin's cantankerous stage persona, Krantz said the comedian was a "nice guy, and very Mark Twain-like in his observations."

REUTERS

Recognizing Halifax's talent

Old Tyme Festival looks to do just that

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

Roots, blues and country musicians will be ramblin' on at the Bus Stop Theatre during the first Electrified Old Tyme Music Festival this Friday.

"There are so many talented people in the city who are not getting recognized, and basically, we want to use this as a springboard," said Laura Merrimen. The local singer-songwriter is



Laura Merrimen

among the performers taking part in the inaugural event, which will also feature groups like The Strangeboys, The Moonshine Ramblers and Ryan Cook.

Merrimen came up with the idea with The Moonshine Ramblers' singer Andrew Sneddon.

Both were scheduled to play a show at the Bus Stop Theatre and were talking

about the growing number of groups playing the same type of music as they do.

"We thought it would be kind of nice and just a fun time if we could get them all together and support the movement," Merrimen said.

"We would like to see it grow as the years go on, and have it at the start of every summer."

Along with musicians, the event will also highlight local painters, photographers and jewelers.

The actual concert will be recorded by an engineer, and a film crew will also document the evening.

"We are excited, because it will be neat to document what is going on, and it will be neat to have that footage down the road," Merrimen said.

"The other neat thing is that each band will have individual copies of their own shows, and they can use that as a promotional tool as well."

Sappyfest **Eric's Trip**



PHOTO COURTESY ERIC'S TRIP

A new documentary about Maritime indie-band Eric's Trip, and a second doc about Halifax's music scene, will premiere at the Sappyfest music festival. Featuring performances, home videos and interviews, *Eric's Trip: 1990-1996* will offer an inside look at the band – the first Canadian band to be signed to Seattle's Sub Pop record label. The band, which reunited in 2006, will also perform at the festival, which takes place in Sackville, N.B., from Aug. 1 through 3. Also being screened is the documentary *6015*, featuring Halifax-based groups Dog Day, The Stolen Minks, The Maynards and others. The film chronicles the local music scene and was filmed at a Willow Street house which has been a hub of musical creativity in Halifax. More Sappyfest information is available at www.sappyrecords.com/festival.htm.

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more information

- » What: Electrified Old Tyme Music Festival
- » Where: The Bus Stop Theatre
- » When: Friday, 7 p.m.
- » Tickets: \$15 in advance. Available at Lost & Found on Agricola St. \$20 at the door.



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Mary-Kate Olsen, left, is shooting an episode of the comedy *Samantha Who?* this week, ABC has confirmed. The episode is to air this fall.

E! NEWS ONLINE

Cinema's robots show soul



The film's bleakest joke is that Wall-E and his fellow robots have more personality than the adipose blobs humans have evolved into during centuries adrift in space.

Machines often have sinister aims in film roles

By RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Halifax

If there's a villain in Wall-E, the animated Pixar feature opening this week, it's Auto, a wheel-like robot with a very familiar red eye glowing, Cyclops-like, in the centre of its hub. You can be certain that the designers and animators at Pixar knew perfectly well that they were borrowing the single most recognizable bit of HAL, the villain of Stanley Kubrick's epochal 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey.

There had been robots in movies before 2001; the most iconic were probably Gort, the muscle brought by aliens

to Earth in *The Day The Earth Stood Still*, and Robby, the bulbous robot who began his long career in 1956's *The Forbidden Planet*.

The modern era of movie sci-fi began with Kubrick's film, however, and with it a major shift in the roles of robots — from dumb machines limited to the confines of their programming to mechanisms at the dawn of consciousness, seeded with what can only be called a soul.

Pixar's Wall-E is just such a creature, left alone with its single programmed task for centuries, during which the cute little trash compactor develops emotions, schooled by a discarded videocassette of *Hello Dolly*. The film's bleakest joke is that Wall-E and his fellow robots have more personality than the adipose blobs humans have

evolved into during centuries adrift in space.

Ever since Keir Dullea shut down HAL in 2001, in a scene where the malevolent computer evoked more bathos than any single human in the film, movies have returned again and again to robots with either humanoid shapes or recognizably human emotions. With the exception of C3-PO in *Star Wars*, it's a general rule that humanoid robots in movies will likely have a sinister agenda — think the original Terminator, Sonny in the recent movie adaptation of Isaac Asimov's *I, Robot*, Yul Brynner's *Gunslinger* in *Westworld* and *False Maria*, the striking art deco robot in Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*. Squat, diminutive robots like Wall-E, toddler-like in proportion and demeanor, are

inevitably benevolent — think R2-D2, *Johnny Five* in *Short Circuit*, and Huey, Dewey and Louie, the waddling mailboxes in the dystopic *Silent Running*.

All these movies seem to be working overtime to imagine the day when our creations attain consciousness, and humanity becomes the same sort of inattentive, negligent creator that we suspect God to be in our darker moments.

At their best, we hope they're like Wall-E, blessed and befuddled with our own doubts and wonder and vital but inefficient emotions. In a worst case scenario, like HAL or Auto, they pursue their programming and merciless logic and our very existence is called into doubt by newly-minted robot atheists who no longer believe in us.



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McAvoy's challenge with role? Eating

By STEVE GOW
for Metro Halifax

James McAvoy may be Hollywood's newest action hero but the unassuming gentleman sipping green tea while doing interviews to promote his latest film is not your prototypical power man.

He doesn't have the build of, say, The Rock. Nor the swagger of Jason Statham. The guy once played a half-goat in *The Chronicles Of Narnia* for crying out loud! He can't really be the next big action hero, can he?

Well, with his latest movie *Wanted*, it's about to change for James McAvoy. In the film, he plays a nervous loser who becomes an incredibly gifted fighter after he's taken in by a fraternity of "super-sensory trained assassins". The film features some stunning cinematography and huge stunts, particularly one favourite of McAvoy's that involved leaping from a moving car just before it got sideswiped. "There were no wires and there were no

mats," brags the actor.

Surprisingly, it wasn't the demanding stunts that were the most challenging aspect of making *Wanted*. McAvoy gained over 25 pounds of muscle for the part.

"I don't know how much I bulked up," laughs the 29-year-old Scottish actor. "I didn't get ridiculously large at all but I put on a lot of weight for me."

In order to add that weight, the slim actor (he only weighed 137 lbs before filming) was required to do two months of intense training. His daily regimen included fight-training, kickboxing, weapons, weights and interval training.

"Eating," McAvoy blurts out about what the hardest part of it all was. "I had to eat like a trooper, man."

For all his hard work however, McAvoy shares no ambition to become the next great action hero. In fact, he's happy to hang up his gloves for a while. "We might make another one of these one day but until then, I don't think I'll go back."

Actress Heather Locklear, right, who has been dealing with anxiety and depression, is seeking treatment for psychological issues at an Arizona facility, her publicist has confirmed.

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television

MTV video awards to return to L.A.

CEREMONY The MTV Video Music Awards, scene of a disastrous performance by Britney Spears last year, will return to Los Angeles for the first time in a decade on Sept. 7, Reuters reports.

The high-wattage event, now in its 25th year, will take place on the Paramount Pictures lot in Hollywood. Los Angeles last hosted the event in 1998. Since then, the awards have been held mostly in New York, but traveled to Miami in 2004 and 2005, and then Las Vegas last year. Last year, 7.1 million MTV viewers watched the festivities, according to Nielsen Media Research. While viewership was up from 5.8 million the year before, the numbers are a far cry from the record 12 million viewers for the 1999 version.

in production

Cowell feature moving ahead

TRUE STORY Paramount is moving ahead on American Idol judge's Simon Cowell's movie about a rags-to-riches reality music star, ew.com reports.

The project, based on real-life opera singer Paul Potts and his last-ditch effort to make it big on Britain's Got Talent, has tapped writer Justin Zackham (The Bucket List) to pen the screenplay, and the movie has been given the title One Chance.

movies

Angelina Jolie eyes Sin City 2

CASTING Angelina Jolie is keen to consider a role in Sin City 2, imdb.com reports — claiming she is intrigued with what director Frank Miller can come up with next. The actress is a huge fan of the slick 2004 comic book adaptation, and Miller is keen to get Jolie on board. And the Tomb Raider star is interested in Miller's offer — because she "thinks the moviemaker is a genius."

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Some DVD sets missing something

WORDS AND MUSIC:

When the first season of WKRP in Cincinnati arrived on DVD, fans of the show were justifiably livid that almost all of the musical cues — pop songs played on-air by DJs Venus Flytrap and Johnny Fever — were missing, and that when the song was integral to something happening onscreen, the scene would be trimmed to avoid looking nonsensical in the absence of music.

The practice of removing copyrighted music is common enough that companies like Viacom/Paramount routinely include a fine print warning — "some music may have been changed" — on disc sets where music has either been excised or replaced with generic substitutes.

The DVD set of season 2 of The Fugitive — the '60s thriller starring David Janssen — recently hit the shelves after undergoing just such treatment, and despite the fact that the first season was released with all the original musical cues.

According to a story in Variety this week, the score for the second season didn't rely on a specially-composed score or public domain music, but from a mix of music by Pete Rugolo — author of the show's theme — and cues taken from a range of music libraries. Untangling the legal knots created by the show's music editor, Ken Wilhoit, forty years ago proved so daunting that Paramount simply stripped out all of the show's background music



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except for Rugolo's intro and outro credit themes, a move that fans have called "sickening," while stating that they would be returning their purchases.

Before the dawn of the lucrative DVD business, music contracts on TV shows made no provision for royalties or rights after original runs and syndication. Today, music is negotiated with clauses that bear impressively inclusive language reserving right of

usage for "any and all media now known or hereinafter devised."

This wasn't the case as recently as a decade ago, and profits from DVD sets have been diminished by the necessity of paying between ten and forty thousand dollars US per track — the Variety story recalls that licensing Motown songs for season one of Murphy Brown cost a million dollars, while rights issues probably mean that shows like The Wonder Years will either hit the market with their music stripped out or not at all.

While CBS Paramount executives refrained from answering Variety's queries about the Fugitive set in favour of a press statement explaining their actions, the editor of the web site TVShowsOnDVD.com told

the trade paper that moves like this are pushing fans into buying pirate sets, or illegal downloads, which you'd think someone in marketing or PR at Viacom would have figured out by now.

In somewhat related news, it seems that pilot episodes of two more fall shows — Steven Bochco's legal drama Raising The Bar and Leverage, a TNT show starring Timothy Hutton — hit the online file-sharing networks this week.

You'd start to think, at this point, that Hollywood woke up one morning with a newfound deathwish, and an ambition to see how quickly they can go the way of Vaudeville or the telegraph.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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critics' corner

The Baby Borrowers

The Baby Think It Over doll has nothing on this new reality series, designed to teach teens that parenthood is more than just cuddling a cute widdle bundle of unconditional love. Teenage couples move in together and in rapid succession are required to care for an infant, a toddler, a preteen, a teenager and an elderly person. Lessons learned? Oh, yeah. And you get to watch. If you have teenagers, be sure they do likewise. 10 PM on NBC



Corner Gas

Aren't they a tad too big to fit in their childhood treehouse? Apparently size doesn't matter when Brent and Hank (Brent Butt, Fred Ewanuick) find their old treehouse and challenge the current young occupants for possession. Elsewhere, Wanda (Nancy Robertson) makes a jailbreak, Lacey (Gabrielle Miller) tries her hand at martial arts, and Oscar (Eric Peterson) is oblivious to an old friend's romantic overtures. 12:30 PM on COM

The Prestige

Released about the same time as "The Illusionist," this 2006 film also is about magicians. But that's where the similarity ends; it's actually more like Merlin versus Mad Madam Mim in Disney's "The Sword in the Stone." Here, two magicians engage a deadly rivalry. Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Piper Perabo, Scarlett Johansson and David Bowie star. 10 PM on M1

Primetime: Crime

Deadly fun isn't just a phrase to the family of Janie Ward. Almost two decades ago, the 16-year-old died while at a party. The police say she fell off a porch. Her parents, however, disagree; the porch was less than 1 foot higher than the ground. This new series provides interviews with the Ward family, authorities involved with the case, and a former classmate of Janie's — who is suspected by some to have beaten Janie to death. 11 PM on ABC

Celebrity Buzz

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Paris dismisses puppy demand

Pet: Paris Hilton swears she's no doggy diva, People.com reports. In fact, the hotel heiress – who just wrapped her reality show, I Wanna Be Paris's New Best Friend! – took to her blog Monday to refute one tall tale currently circulating.

"I read (that I was) walking by some puppies for sale, and demanding that I be given a Yorkie puppy to be an accessory for a photo shoot," she wrote on her MySpace celebrity blog. (According to the press reports, a Melrose Avenue pet store refused to let her have the animal – making Hilton go "ballistic.")

"I wasn't looking for a new pet. I wasn't even at a photo shoot that day," Hilton insists. "Puppies are not accessories or toys and I love my own pets dearly. I treat them as if they were my children."

Hilton's new reality show includes scenes of a pet adoption shelter, she says, "to spread the word about how these animals need loving owners."

"It is sad that someone felt the need to invent a story about me throwing a fit for a dog that would 'go with my outfit,'" says the former Simple Life star (who's getting serious with boyfriend Benji Madden). "These stories have gotten out of control."

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McAvoy refuses to sell products

MOVIES Actor James McAvoy refuses to advertise products because he wants fans to concentrate on his movies – and not be side-tracked by promotions, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement star is suspicious of thespians who associate themselves with a certain brand, insisting that actors are not salesmen and he won't compromise his career to make extra money.

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Michelle mad over Heath's will

DISPUTE Heath Ledger's father, Kim, mother, Emma, and other family members are flying to the United States from Australia for the Dark Knight premiere on July 14 for what some are calling a "sort of tribute" to him – but don't expect to see his ex, Michelle Williams, or daughter, Matilda, Page-Six.com reports.



An insider said, "Michelle is furious with Heath's family and threatening to boycott the premiere. Matilda is supposed to be the beneficiary of the will, but Michelle has seen nothing from them."

Ledger's will, made out in 2003 before Matilda was born, left everything to his father, mother and sisters.

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people

MOVIES Actress Keira Knightley was happy to film a sex scene for new movie The Edge Of Love – even though the naked romp was written by her mother, imdb.com reports. Knightley's mom, Sharman Macdon-



ald, also served as a producer on the film. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Madonna, Guy to split after tour?

BREAK-UP Madonna will split from her husband Guy Ritchie at the end of her forthcoming world tour, it has been claimed.

The singer and the film director have reportedly decided to end their seven-year marriage but will not make an announce-



ment until her Sticky and Sweet tour finishes in Mexico on Nov. 29, female-first.co.uk reports.

A source close to the couple old Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Although the marriage is coming to an end, they don't want to say anything until the tour is over."

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Celebrity brief

HEALTH Turns out Amy Winehouse's dad may be the one blowing a little smoke these days, E! News Online reports. The singer's rep is saying the 24-year-old does not have emphysema, as her father told Britain's Sunday Mirror over the weekend.

Rather, she has "early signs of what could lead to emphysema," rep Tracey Miller said Monday.

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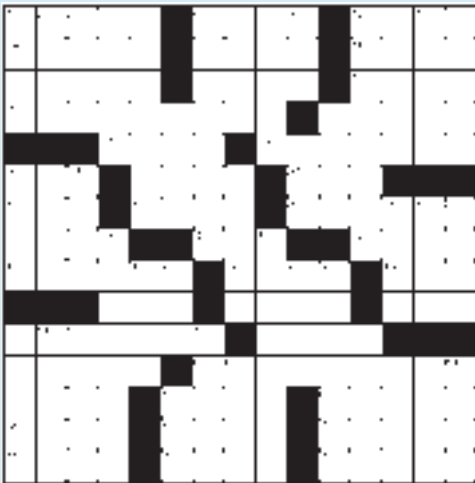
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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Speedy thoughts will give you a chance to catch up. Tell people if you're uncertain about something. Juggle around with a work situation.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Somebody will comment on a family decision. Check out holistic medicine. Important messages will make you change your plans.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Friends will squirm over money issues. Your idealism will bring joy. Find a private place to work, away from prying eyes.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A powerful person may not have your best interests at heart. You may have to work overtime. Terminate unprofitable associations.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Show by your kindness that you've earned respect. Someone's sincerity will be unpleasant. An oddball's play raises eyebrows.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

A new object will be disappointing. Get away from your usual environment. A sweetheart will surrender to your touch.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A friend's scheme will boost your bliss. Stand back when trouble walks in the door. Taking charge will cause a predicament.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Save time by understanding complications. Think hard before implementing a harsh plan. Run as wild and free as you can.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You want to be taken care of for a change. Ask for assistance in an unstable situation. Find your way with somebody's help.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Brace yourself for a financial discussion. Your friends may want to gossip. Be more sophisticated if you want to appeal to the public.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

There'll be a sudden insight into a lost hope. Any problems that you are facing will be overcome. Tears of joy will fall.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Avoid using logic in a debate. An unfamiliar woman makes a serious effort to work wonders.

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 25, 1938: Dr. Douglas Hyde is inaugurated the first President of Ireland.

of Anne Frank is published.

June 25, 1940: France formally surrenders to Nazi Germany.

June 25, 1993: Kim Campbell is chosen as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada and becomes the first female Prime Minister of Canada.

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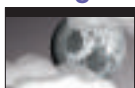
Halifax weather

Afternoon



Sunny.
24°

Tonight



Clear.
15°

Thursday



Partly cloudy.
22° / 13°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
22° / 12°

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Saturday



Rain.
20° / 12°

Temperature
Normals
High: 19.8°
Low: 10.9°

Records
High: 30.6°/1963
Low: 5.6°/1979

Sunrise: 5:29 a.m.
Sunset: 9:03 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:20 a.m.
Moonset: 12:29 p.m.

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